

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
THE 2014 INTERNATIONAL TOTAL SURVEY ERROR WORKSHOP

ITSEW 2014

TOTAL SURVEY ERROR: FUNDAMENTALS AND FRONTIERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. OCTOBER 1-3, 2014

The 8th International Total Survey Error Workshop (ITSEW 2014) will take place from **Wednesday, October 1 to Friday, October 3, 2014** at the Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center near Union Station in Washington DC. The theme of the 2014 workshop is **Total Survey Error: Fundamentals and Frontiers**.

Like previous ITSEWs, this year's gathering seeks to foster an exchange of ideas and preliminary research findings toward a better understanding of total survey error. Participation in this year's ITSEW will be particularly valuable for researchers planning to present invited or contributed papers at next year's 2015 International Total Survey Error Conference (TSE2015). Participants can share ideas, receive valuable feedback, identify opportunities for collaboration, and plan sessions or joint presentations for TSE2015 to be held in September, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland

On Wednesday, **October 1**, the first day of the ITSEW, **Paul Biemer** of RTI International and the University of North Carolina will present a short course on the Total Survey Error Paradigm in Practice. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with this key perspective on survey methodology, or to learn about the state of current research and how it can be applied in practical survey situations.

On **October 2 and 3**, the workshop will feature presentations and posters exhibiting current research on multiple error sources and their interactions including: design trade-offs, minimization strategies, estimation and analysis issues, and methods for presenting and visualizing TSE results. The workshop will end at lunch time on October 3.

Possible topics for the ITSEW 2014 sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Design for and methods of estimating relationships between different sources of nonsampling error
- Monitoring and reducing multiple survey errors (e.g., paradata applications)
- Adaptive total designs that consider multiple errors
- Errors in combinations of survey data with other data sources (administrative data, “Big Data”)
- Trade-offs in longitudinal panels, multi-mode surveys, and data processing (e.g., editing, imputation)
- Cost/error tradeoffs in surveys

If you would like to present a paper or poster at the workshop, please submit an abstract at <http://www.niss.org/form/itsew-2014-form>. The **deadline** for abstracts is **APRIL 30, 2014**. Submitters will be notified whether their paper is accepted by **May 31**. [Registration](#) is available now if you wish to secure your place at the workshop. However, space is limited, so only persons submitting abstracts are encouraged to register at this time.

The registration fee for ITSEW 2014 is \$225.00 and includes the short course, both days of the workshop, materials and handouts, break refreshments, lunch on October 2 and 3, and a poster reception followed by dinner on the evening of October 2.

Persons interested in attending only the October 1 short course will be able to register for that in June if space allows.

We will provide a limited number of **travel awards for presentations submitted by students or by international researchers who are new to the workshop**, with special emphasis on communities that have not been represented at previous ITSEWs.

Additional information on travel awards, the registration process, lodging options, as well as links to proceedings from prior ITSEW workshops can be found at <http://www.niss.org/events/itsew2014>.

Questions about the ITSEW should be sent to itsew2014@niss.org.

ITSEW 2014 Organizing Committee members are Paul Biemer (RTI), Scott Fricker (BLS), Wendy Hicks (Westat), Alan Karr (NISS), Peter Miller (Census; Committee Chair), Mary Mulry (Census), and Diane Willimack (Census).

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